Here's Carrier Foe Can't Sink

Battered Intrepid Still in Action; 650 Planes, 80 Ships to Credit.

WASHINGTON.—Planes and guns of the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid have destroyed 80 enemy ships and 650 planes. She took a terrific pounding to do it. The navy reported, according to the Associated Press, that the Intrepid has been hit more frequently than any other of our aircraft carriers.

Four times this Essex-class carrier suffered battle damage within 20 months of early 1944 operations. But she is back in action again.

The 80 ships sent to the bottom by the Intrepid's pilots included an aircraft carrier. They helped sink the Japanese super-battleship, the 45,-000-ton Yamato. They probably sank 30 other enemy vessels and damaged 179 more.

The Intrepid's latest brush with disaster came on last April 16 while her airmen were carrying the war to Japan's home islands again, after having helped to send the Yamato to the bottom with two dozen bomb and torpedo hits.

Plane Crashed Into Ship.

One of five enemy suicide planes broke through the screen of anti-aircraft fire and crashed into the flight deck, parts tearing into the hangar deck. The explosion which followed killed nine men and wounded 21.

Fires destroyed more than 36 of the carrier's planes, though they were not fueled or loaded, and no further explosions resulted. In 15 minutes, the crew of the Intrepid had the flight deck fires under control, and the hangar deck fires in 50 minutes.

While the fires raged, the ship commanded by Capt. Giles E. Short of Tacoma, Wash., stayed with the task force, fighting off attacking planes, maneuvering with the formation and continuing flight operations.

She successfully took aboard her own aircraft, but her damage forced her to return to the Hunter's Point, Calif., drydocks for repairs.

The 27,000-ton carrier suffered her first battle damage off Truk. A torpedo from a Jap plane damaged her steering mechanism and jammed her rudder. The Intrepid returned to Pearl Harbor.

Returns to Fight.

After repairs, the Intrepid returned to carry on her fight until October 29, 1944, off Luzon, when she was hit by one of the first successful Japanese suicide planes.

A Japanese Judy plummeted into the flight deck, slithered into a gun gallery, killed 10 gunners and started a fire. Six steward's mates serving as gunners were awarded Bronze Star medals.

This time the Intrepid repaired her own damage and continued to aid in setting the stage for the return of General MacArthur to the Philippines.

On November 25, 1944, during the preinvasion strikes, the Intrepid was hit again while operating off Luzon. A Japanese Zeke rocketed into her flight deck.

Scores of the ship's crew were killed or wounded. Minutes later, another suicide plane penetrated the antiaircraft screen and crashed into the flight deck, killing and wounding additional personnel and starting fresh fires.

Arrangements were made with other ships to pick up survivors when it appeared probable the ship would have to be abandoned.

But in 13 minutes the fire was under control. The Intrepid was back in action in time to join in the fast carrier task force 58 strike in which the Franklin was damaged.

Atomic Bombs Are Called Cheaper to Use Than TNT

OAK RIDGE, TENN. — Atomic bombing is cheaper and more economical than the use of TNT as an explosive, Col. Kenneth D. Nichols, district engineer of the Manhattan Engineer district, said recently at a press conference.

"Figuring the cost of the 2,000 bombers it would take to drop a similar destructive charge, atomic bombing is cheaper both in costs and in men's lives," he said. "The number of men that atomic bombing enables to stay far behind the lines must be considered."

He said also that construction is continuing at Oak Ridge.

"But what we have produced here was done more to help end the war than is shown in the expenditure of $2,000,000,000."

Nichols said the safety record for the Manhattan district was better than for army engineering construction as a whole.

Russ Helicopter Has Everything in Duplicate

MOSCOW. — Disclosure was made recently of a Soviet helicopter with double wings, two propellers and two motors. It was described as having a speed of 100 miles an hour and a landing speed of "approximately zero."

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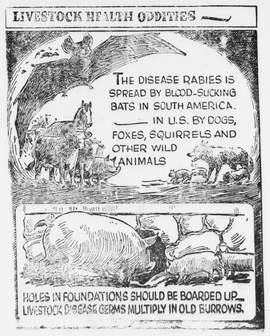
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Atomic Force Seen As Boon to Planes

Payloads Could Be Increased With New Engine.

WASHINGTON—Scientists of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics said that an atomic engine for aircraft is a distant possibility.

They said it is not fantastic to visualize a fuel supply the size of a brick with sufficient power to fly around the world many times.

"Without the need for large gasoline storage," the NACA said in a statement, "the payloads of commercial aircraft would be greatly increased, and the knife-like wing could be replaced by passenger craft could be constructed with needed strength of solid light metal."

"Release of atomic energy promises to widen and broaden the application of air transport to the world's extension of communication and business, and not be limited merely to destructiveness."

The NACA is a body credited with much of the development and improvement of America's warplanes and aircraft engines. It said that "many years of research and development lie ahead before such an engine successfully emerges," because the degree of control achieved over atomic energy's use as a bomb "nowhere near approaches the measure of control needed to convert atomic energy to engine horsepower."

Present type engines are "characterized by a relatively high fuel consumption and a staggering waste of energy," the committee said, with one nine-millionth of the total fuel energy utilized if the calculation is in terms of atomic energy.

For example, it pointed out that 4,320 BTU's (a measurement of heat) per pound are obtained from the molecular reaction of aviation fuels, while 35 billionBTU per pound can be obtained from atomic reaction.

Dentist Describes New Type Artificial Hand

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A navy dentist reported recently he has developed an artificial hand which combines utility, durability, lifelike appearance and comfort in wearing.

Lt. Cmdr. Lamar W. Harper of the naval dental corps said that the hand, made of a newly perfected rubberlike plastic material, provides a strong thumb and forefinger grip with a concealed operating mechanism.

Harris said the hand combines the best features of two other appliances now issued by the armed forces.

These are a metal claw which can be opened and closed by shoulder motion but which must be worn without any covering, and a latex hand which can be drawn over an amputated stump like a glove, but which has no motion and is worn only for appearance's sake.

The new hand, mechanism and all, weighs about one pound. At rest, it is closed. A motion of the opposite shoulder — linked by a cord with the mechanism — operates a lever which causes the forefinger to rise. When the patient relaxes his shoulder, a spring causes the finger to close in a clawlike motion against the thumb.

Skilled Labor Shortage Is Cited by Australian

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA.—Australia's desperate skilled worker shortage was cited by Premier Joseph Chifley in the house of representatives recently as the reason for the refusal to grant passports to a number of doctors, nurses and stenographers to join the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration abroad.

Passports have been approved for only a few nurses in the fighting forces.

Herbert V. Evatt, minister of external affairs, said that the passport ban was not a repudiation of Australia's obligations and that his country would contribute its full share within the limits of home requirements.

African Plant May Solve Camphor Problem of U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The possibility the United States may develop its own supply of natural camphor — a product obtained from Japan before the war — was envisioned recently by department of agriculture drug plant specialists. They said "camphor basil" introduced from Africa and grown experimentally in this country the last eight years offers "a source of natural camphor that can compete with the camphor tree of Formosa, heretofore the only commercial source of natural camphor."

By Ending War Tricky Bomb Pays for Itself

WASHINGTON, D. C. — By ending the war, the atomic bomb's cost has been more than justified. Atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

President Truman announced the project had cost $2,000,000,000. Treasury experts said this represents the cost of less than nine days of war.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Oct.2.- Our community was saddened last week by the death of a good man, Mr. T. H. Wright. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thomas and son, of Norfolk visited her parents last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs.Wallace Bondurant and children spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Youngkin, of Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alvis, in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Anna Lee spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Burnette and family.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler and Mrs.Florence Carson spent Sunday in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Board and son, Lawrence, of Appomattox, were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, Sunday.

Mrs. Tilton Lee and two girls spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler. Mr. Lee and son, Wain spent Sunday in this home and brought Mrs. Lee and the girls home.

Misses Elizabeth Lee Carter and Frances Jennings, of State Teachers College, Farmville, spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown, of Gladstone visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes over the week-end.

Ben Wheeler has gone to Kansas City, and will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Harding and son, of Norfolk, and Royal Harding, of Lynchburg visited the parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harding, last week.

Mr. and Mrs C. T. Drinkard and Mrs. Wade, spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scruggs have moved from here to Concord Depot.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Burnette visited in the home of his brother, J. R. Burnette on last Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Beard spent last week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson, at Spout Spring.

Pushes Wife 65 Mi. Looking for Job

D'scharged Vet Finds Tough Going on Country Roads.

DANVILLE, Ill.—William Beam, 34, discharged army veteran, admitted that he was "a bit cuckoo" after walking and was looking around for a job as chauffeur "so I can ride a little."

Beam arrived here over the week-end after pushing his crippled wife in her wheel chair from Terre Haute, Ind., a distance of 65 miles.

He said it was "tough going" along the country roads on hot days and the trip took six days. The last night, as they reached Postum Trot bridge on Danville's outskirts, the couple slept outdoors beside the highway. The other days they stopped at farms en route where Beam would do chores for food and overnight lodging.

Mrs. Beam, 40, said she didn't mind the trip a bit, as she tapped some tobacco into her corn cob pipe and asked an interviewer for a match. A native of Georgia, she says that Danville is as far north as she'd ever been.

"I am not an invalid and can do my own housework, but I can't do much walking. I could never have made the trip if Bill hadn't pushed me," Mrs. Beam said.

Beam, who was discharged for disability from the 4th armored division in 1943, was asked why the couple chose this mode of travel. He said:

"You don't see much of the country riding in a bus; besides, I wanted to look around for a job en route."

Mrs. Beam refused to permit a photographer to take her picture, saying she had never been photographed in her life and wasn't going to start now.

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Evergreen, Oct. 2.- Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Harvey, Pvt. Edward Harvey, Misses Virginia and Vivian Ann Harvey spent the week-end visiting relatives in Suffolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard St. John, of Old Wells visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Womack over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Jennings, and son, Tadd spent Sunday in Farmville.

Henry Staples is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Lillie Jennings was the guest of Mrs. J. R. Connor Saturday night.

Paul Irvin, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his family here.

The wedding bells will soon be ringing in our community again.

Mrs. C. .. Paulette has accepted a position in the school cafeteria at Pamplin.

Miss Linda Warriner has returned home after spending some time with her sisters in Washington.

J. R. Connor had the misfortune to lose a fine hog last week,weighing almost 350 pounds.

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CLEVELAND. — The "little woman" saw to it in this case that her husband didn't spend his free moments in France gazing at the luscious curves of movie stars.

Cpl. Nick Schowinsky's 23-year-old wife is clever. She made sure that her husband had plenty of pin-ups —and good ones at that—but not of movie sirens.

The thought of Nick admiring the picture of some movie queen, of his posting it in his barracks or carrying it in his wallet, disturbed Irma Schowinsky. Then she got an idea. If her soldier boy wanted pretty figures and nice gams to look at he could look at her.

Irma engaged a photographer to come out to her home and fix his camera lenses on her for a whole evening. With the accent on glamour, she posed in scanty, revealing costumes. Her legs, which incidentally, are of the Grable variety, played a prominent part in the photographs.

The self-acclaimed pin-up added a personal touch by inscribing a special greeting on each of the six pictures she sent France-ward. Such phrases as "To my cup cake," "Your loving wife," "Your strawberry jam" — Nick loves strawberry jam—and "Your brown-eyed Dickens" adorned the photos.

What did the soldier think of the idea? He summed it up in one word, "terrific!" He couldn't help but like the one in the slinky, low-cut evening gown and the one in the bathing suit. But, two to one, Nick especially went for the picture of Irma at her desk with her typewriter before her and a courageous "I'll be waiting" smile.

When asked about the other soldiers who might see and ask for one of her pictures, Irma replied, "You forget. My husband carries a gun."

Date for Atomic Bombing Set More Than Year Ago

GUAM. — Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Farrell, Albany, N. Y., disclosed recently that the August 5 (United States) date for dropping the first atomic bomb on the enemy was set "well over a year ago."

Farrell, aide to Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, Pasadena, Calif., veteran army construction engineer who was in charge of the bomb development program, said at a news conference the goal was set in order to lay out a schedule for completing the huge project.

For a while, he indicated, American and British scientists thought they were racing against time with the Germans who had been known to have started work on an atomic bomb of their own.

"One of our major worries over in Europe was that some secret weapon was being developed by the Germans comparable to this," said General Spaatz, commander of strategic air forces in the Pacific. "We were vitally concerned. All of the stories were that they were ahead of us."

Chemical Bomb Uses DDT In G.Is Fight on Insects

CHICAGO.—A more potent chemical bomb to aid Pacific G.Is in their battle against disease carrying insects has been developed and is being used in the area, Brig. Gen. J. E. Barzynski, commanding general of the Chicago quartermaster depot, announced.

The size of a pint soup can with rounded corners, the bomb has been improved by addition of DDT, a new army chemical, for the extermination of malaria mosquitoes and disease bearing flies, the general said.

The bomb dispenses the insecticide as a fine mist and can clear a pup tent of insect life in three seconds. One of the bombs can debug 150 army pup tents or 50 giant bombers within 10 minutes, Barzynski said.

Envisions Labor's Plans Outmoded by Atom Bomb

LONDON. — With the advent of the atomic bomb, the British Labor party's scheme for nationalizing industry is out of date, John Langdon Davies, science correspondent of the London Daily Mail, said recently.

"The Labor government need not waste time nationalizing the coal industry, nor the electric and gas industries," he asserted, "since these are from now on obsolete, or at least of such altered value that nobody can possibly assess their capital assets."

He added, however, that there will be a time lag before atomic energy can be harnessed in the thousand different ways necessary to meet the needs of industrial machinery.

Allies Repatriate 4,166,000 in Europe

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, GERMANY. —Approximately 4,166,000 displaced persons of 17 European nationalities have been cleared from the American-British - French occupation zones in western Europe and restored to their homelands.

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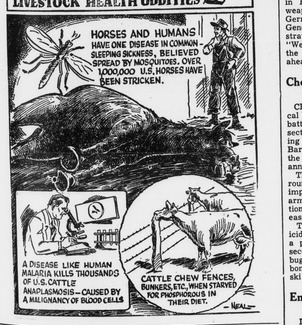
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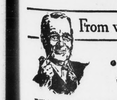
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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh



Americans have a word for it

Bill Larkin's boy, who's back from overseas for good, was telling us about the funny customs and the different language of European countries.

One thing he noticed is that in so many of those countries there is no word for "home," "House," "Building." But no matter what the language that stands for what we mean when we say *home*.

"In spite of the fact," says Bill, "that it's the most important thing there is . . . a place where you can take your shoes off and let down your hair . . . enjoy a glass of beer before the fire and relax with folks you love!"

From where I sit, that may be an important difference between this country and some others. The conception of home as a place of tolerance and sacred loyalties—where differences of habit and opinion give way before love and understanding! Yes, we Americans have a name for it!

Joe Marsh

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Concord

Concord, Oct. 1.- Richard Wharton, of Norfolk visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. J. T. Burleigh, of Richmond visited her home here last week.

A glee club has been organized at the Concord High School.

Miss Virginia Knight, of Crewe was a recent visitor here.

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Mr. and Mrs.Binford Phelps and daughter, of Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Russell and children, of Forest are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Cabell Christian.

Mrs. G. M. Turesman is spending this week in Richmond.

Mrs. R. I. Bowen and daughter, Shirley Ann, of Crewe are visiting Mrs. Bowen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Thomas.

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